

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the last paragraph on page 34 continuing onto page 35 with the following amended paragraph:

The operating unit 110a of the present embodiment includes mechanisms and electric members required for the user to set or instruct the operation and the mode of the digital camera 10a to the digital camera 10a, as in ~~Embodiment 1~~ Embodiment 2. The release switch 114 has a two-step structure allowing half-pressing and complete-pressing of it. For example, in the still-image capturing mode, when the release switch 114 is half-pressed, AF and AE are locked. Then, the release switch 114 is completely pressed, a shot image is taken into the digital camera 10a and is recorded in the main memory 68 and/or the optional device 76 after necessary signal processing and data compression are performed. On the other hand, in the video recording mode, AF and AE are locked when the release switch 114 is half-pressed. Then, when the release switch 114 is completely pressed, the video recording is started. The video recording may continue during a period in which the release switch 114 is pressed, and stops when the release switch 114 is released. Alternatively, the video recording may continue even after the release switch 114 is released once, but stops when the release switch 114 is pressed again. The mode switch 122 is used for setting the operation mode of the digital camera 10a. A first input unit 300 includes a cross key and a liquid crystal display (LCD) part arranged to be wedged in the crossing of the cross key. The input unit 300 also has a function of a zooming switch. The zooming magnification can be set by pressing either of the upper and lower button portions of the cross key. A second input unit 400 includes a power switch 112 as an example of the first button and second buttons arranged in surroundings of the power switch 112. The power switch

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112 turns on/off the digital camera 10a. The second buttons include a cancel button, an execution button, a display button, a shift button or the like. The operations or functions that can be set by the operating unit 110a include "file format" , "special effect" , "print", "determine/store", and "change display", for example.